Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 28 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 29 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 27 Mar 2021 at 16:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for for wet and windy conditions over the next few days and for colder, drier conditions towards midweek, but there is significant uncertainty in the timing of this transition.

Headline for Sunday 28 Mar 2021: Morning sunshine and snow showers. Heavy snow turning to rain later. Very windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Cloudy	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
90%	70%	40%	20%	70%	>95%	>95%	>95%

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Weather: Bands of heavy rain (snow above 600-800m, perhaps briefly bringing blizzard conditions) will clear east by dawn. Then a bright, chilly morning with a few well scattered but locally heavy snow showers. Showers will give way to thicker cloud spreading northwards across Arran by mid-morning to Lochaber by late morning, bringing sleet or heavy snow, this quickly turning to rain at all levels along with extensive hill fog.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 75% decreasing to 10% from the south from mid-morning.

Visibility: Morning showers will be well scattered but may reduce visibility to only a kilometre or so and bring patches of cloud down to 400-600m. Otherwise cloud will be well broken and most summits clear until cloud thickens from the south widely to 400-600m. Below this, rain will reduce visibility to several kilometres, perhaps less at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	54/69 S	46/61 SW	40/53 SW	39/53 SW	39/53 SW	47/62 S	53/70 S	51/69 SW	51/70 SW
900	35/50 S	32/47 SW	28/40 W	29/41 SW	29/42 SW	30/45 S	36/53 SW	36/53 SW	36/55 SW
600	49/63 S	38/53 SW	32/43 SW	33/45 SW	33/47 SW	39/52 S	45/61 S	43/60 SW	43/61 SW
300	27/42 S	20/32 SW	17/29 SW	19/30 SW	19/33 SW	19/31 S	25/43 S	25/43 SW	26/46 SW
Glen	16/38 S	19/39 SW	13/28 SW	15/30 SW	17/34 SW	11/24 SW	20/42 SW	20/42 SW	22/46 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-11	-2/-12	-4/-15	-4/-14	-2/-12	0/-8	3/-5	4/-4	4/-4
900	1/-6	0/-8	-2/-10	-1/-9	0/-7	2/-5	4/-2	5/-1	6/-0
600	4/-3	3/-5	1/-7	1/-6	2/-5	5/-1	7/1	8/2	8/2
300	6/1	5/-0	3/-2	4/-2	5/-0	7/2	9/5	9/5	10/5
Glen	8/4	7/2	5/1	6/2	7/3	8/5	10/7	10/7	11/7
Freezing Level*	1400m	800m	600m	600m	800m	1600m	2200m	2200m	2200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winds may reach 80mph on highest summits and ridges. Best conditions through morning ahead of cloud and heavy rain.

Forecast for Monday 29 Mar 2021

Weather: Strong southwest winds continue to drag mild and moist air in off the Atlantic leading to some large rainfall totals across all ranges with ground widely sodden and smaller watercourses in spate. Little let up in intensity and only limited shelter for northeast facing slopes.

Maximum wind: Southwest 30-35 gusting 45-50mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: No reliable chance.

Visibility: Cloud will be extensive above 400-600m, often lower across south or southwest facing sloeps, bringing fog conditions widely on the hills. Heavy rain will leave glens rather hazy and reduce visibility to several kilometres below the cloud base.

Temperature: **Glens:** 10-12C.
At 800m: 5-7C.
Freezing level: Well above summits.

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